United States Consulate Toronto, Canada

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: *Demonstrations at 361 University Avenue, Across from the United States Consulate*September 30, 2013

A demonstration is planned for today in front of the Ontario Superior Court at 361 University Avenue, across from the Consulate, beginning at 10 a.m. Demonstrators plan to show solidarity with a well-known Toronto based anarchist and G20 protester who is scheduled to appear before the court this morning. At this time a handful of Toronto-based anarchists have confirmed their intention to attend. Earlier this month a similar event was attended by 20 - 30 individuals from the same group, who blocked downtown traffic and were captured on video smashing the windows of moving vehicles.

The U.S. Consulate Toronto recommends U.S. citizens avoid the immediate area of the Consulate during the demonstration. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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The U.S. Consulate in Toronto is located at 360 University Avenue, with the entrance for all services located directly behind the University Avenue entrance at

225 Simcoe Street. The U.S. Consulate in Toronto is open 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and the main telephone number is (416) 595-1700. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate is (416) 938-4963**.